



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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Hello there,

A friend loves at all times

*¹⁷ Friends love through all kinds of weather,
and families stick together in all kinds of trouble*
Proverbs 17:17 (Message version)

They say that you can measure a person by the company they keep. I have always wondered whether my friends, when they think upon that comment, look at me, slowly shake their head and try to remember how they ever allowed me in. Friendship is a strange thing, isn't it? As we move through life, we become aware of how important some people are to us, and remember those from the past we have lost contact with.

Recently I have been thinking about a couple of people that fall into the latter category. With one of them I collaborated on a few shows, he wrote lyrics and music for the performances and I added narrative and choreographed the routines. We would take over a church for a week or so and spend up to 12 hours a day, constantly reworking the show until we felt we had it right. Happy endless days.

At the church was someone else who became a dear friend. Dave was the church caretaker and was in his early 60s when I met him; he had had many jobs throughout his life, but had taken early retirement due to ill health. He was also one of the funniest people I have ever met, always ready with a fantastic story from his life – some of them may even have been true! To him I was “circus man”. Over all the years I knew him, I can only recollect him calling me Daryll on a handful of occasions. Because of him, there are still

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dozens of people that only know me as “circus man”. Dave would sit and talk with me for hours in the church and any time I left equipment out he would insist on having a go. I can’t begin to explain the terror of seeing a man who has had three major heart attacks attempting to ride the unicycle, walk the tight wire or balance on the walking globe.

He would also constantly move my props around or leave little notes around the church that either offered words of encouragement or critiqued my previous day’s practice. Dave was a gruff, belligerent, working class man from Bradford and sometimes his language and turn of phrase would raise eyebrows in the church. To many, I’m sure our friendship would have appeared strange. However, he was also the champion of those he felt were unfairly treated; at his funeral there were people of all ages, genders and sexual orientations; people from almost every cultural group represented in Bradford were there, as were the rich, the poor and the in-between.

Dave was loved by all and could win you over in an instant. If we truly are measured by the company we keep then my desire is to be known as a friend of Dave. My desire for you is that you too have people like that in your life. Those that just seem to drift in and yet manage to leave a lasting impression. May you be a Dave to others too. May the world be populated with Daves.

God bless.

Daryll

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WORDS TO PONDER...

Our words to ponder this month are from Albert Camus, a French/Algerian philosopher, author, journalist, and political activist. He was awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1957.

“Don’t walk in front of me... I may not follow

Don’t walk behind me... I may not lead

Walk beside me... just be my friend”

Albert Camus

As you read the quote consider what it is that you look for in a friend? Ask yourself what kind of friend are you to others? Maybe give yourself a moment to think about the quote in connection to the verse from the book of Proverbs at the start of the newsletter.

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A hearing loop is
installed in church.



APRIL

Sunday 28th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

MAY

Sunday 5th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

Monday 6th

Bank Holiday

Wednesday 8th

12.15pm for 12.30pm Church Lunch

Thursday 9th

ASCENSION DAY

Saturday 11th

10.00am - 4.00pm YBA Assembly @ Cornerstone Baptist Church Leeds

Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Simon Thompson including Communion

11.45am followed by Church AGM

Monday 13th

7.00pm Beer and Banter @ The Four Sons 'Providing a safe place' Turning Point Counselling Service

Wednesday 15th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Saturday 18th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @ Toby Carvery, Ainley Top

Sunday 19th

PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship led by Daryll Hackett

4.00pm Brighouse and Rastrick Churches Together Pentecost Service at Brighouse Salvation Army Community Church

Monday 20th

Spring Bank Holiday – WHIT MONDAY

Wednesday 22nd

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 26th

TRINITY SUNDAY

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and Young Church

Monday 27th

Spring Bank Holiday

Tuesday 28th

7.00pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday 29th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church



JUNE

Sunday 2nd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Monday 3rd

7.00pm Beer and Banter for men @ The Four Sons 'Music and Language' Graham Kennedy

Wednesday 5th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 9th

10.30am Morning Worship including Communion led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Names for lunch on the 12th – TODAY please

Wednesday 12th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

12.15 for 12.30pm Lunch

Saturday 15th

8.30am Men's Breakfast @The Toby Carvery Ainley Top

Sunday 16th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett

Wednesday 19th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 23rd

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Allan Bottomley

Wednesday 26th

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 30th

10.30am Morning Worship

JULY

Wednesday 3rd

10.00am Time To Reflect in Church

Sunday 7th

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Daryll Hackett
Names for lunch on the 10th – TODAY please

** Please note - Deacons' Meeting for June tba*



Threads through Creation

It was Anne who let us know about an amazing exhibition in Blackburn Cathedral in April, so of course we went!

It was showing for only a few weeks and we had never heard of it. Anne explained that it was devised and made by an artist from Devon who specialised in textiles: Jacquie Parkinson – a devout Christian. Now as a non-sewer I wasn't expecting too much but I was bowled over by it.

THREADS THROUGH CREATION took 3 years to complete, and required miles of thread and 8 million stitches. The theme was the Creation Story.



The Cathedral is a lovely light space. There is a crypt below which houses a very nice café and was busy throughout the day. We started with coffee, having set off early and then began the wonder of seeing each of the enormous and beautiful panels mounted around the building.

She depicted the Trinity as a three-stranded spiral, glistening and beautiful. This motif was to be found in almost every panel.

God spoke Light, Water, a Green Earth, a Universe sparkling with lights – and if you looked carefully you could pick out many constellations we recognise in the heavens; Water and sky, full of the creatures that inhabit them, and the earth itself. Adam was black, and Eve fair-skinned and auburn-haired, to show that all peoples are loved by the Creator. Adam held a tiny mouse in his hand, and a white butterfly had landed on Eve's hand to indicate their harmony with nature.

The attention to detail was amazing in each panel and every one was a labour of love. When Satan was introduced into the perfect harmony, the artist depicted him with a sinuous backbone and the mind of a viper, red, black and deadly. Their choice to obey Satan's challenge to God's command not to eat the fruit on the

Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil caused them to be cast out of their Paradise, but even as they departed, a lamb accompanied them and a white dove hovered overhead – Jesus was known as the Lamb of God, and the dove is known as a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

You will be able to recognise pictures of the panels as Anne has printed them from her phone and displayed them on the notice boards in the church hall.

Apparently this artist has now created three major exhibitions, the latest of which may be on display in Liverpool Cathedral next January, and Blackburn Cathedral is hoping to host all three of her exhibitions some time in 2025. Not to be missed. Watch this space!



Good News

Lorraine and the young church blessed us with a wonderful service about 'good news'. It reminded us that we, as Christians, must spread the good news.



Everyone was given a box and asked to bring it forward. The boxes were placed very carefully on the floor in a certain order. When the first box was pushed it triggered the domino effect. This reminded us what impact we as Christians can have on others if we spread the good news.

Everyone also received a lovely colourful bag with a cross on which the young church had skilfully drawn. With these we can now go out into our daily lives and demonstrate to others that we are proud to be Christians.

It was a truly beautiful service with such love and thought gone into it.

Thank you so much to Lorraine and the young church.

Christine N



A Prayer at Pentecost - but just as important all year round

There will be visions and dreams.

But we are stuck in our ways, for we have stopped dreaming.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

The believers were together.

But we are divided.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

There were sounds of wind and sight of fire.

But we expect nothing to change, nothing new to happen.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

They spoke with new freedom.

But we are so tongue-tied, too dumb to speak for you.

Forgive us, Lord-

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

Everyone heard the message.

But we try to reach only the nearest and most amenable few.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

The Father will send another Helper.

But we are self-sufficient, relying on our own resources.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

The Helper will teach you everything.

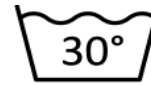
But we have stopped wanting to learn or grow.

Forgive us, Lord.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life into us.

Adapted from Methodist Companion to the Testimony.

Could you be eating your own clothes?



ECO-FRIENDLY

Our clothes are made of millions of tiny fibres, many of which are plastic. Every time we use our washing machine, microfibres are shed which end up in the environment. The Stop Ocean Threads petition calls on the Government to legislate for it to be mandatory for all new washing machines to be fitted with microfibre filters. This is so much easier than trying to retrofit your machine with a filter, and any cost increase is likely to be relatively small.

Simply fitting these filters could help to tackle this type of plastic pollution at source by significantly reducing the numbers of invisible microfibres being released into your machine's waste water, which then goes on to a water treatment plant and it is estimated that every wash can release 700,000 microfibres; that equates to 10 trillion a week in the UK alone. When these are ingested by fish, they could eventually end up on your dinner plate. Now there's food for thought.

There are lots of things that we can do to limit our individual microfibre footprint, while at the same time prolonging the life of our clothes, reducing the need to buy more new clothes, so you save money and help the

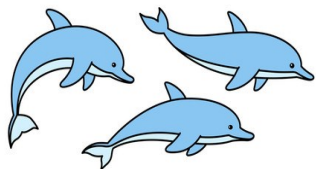
environment at the same time.



The list of tips is too long to include in this initial article, but one of the most important things you can start with is to read the labels on garments when you go shopping. I remember many moons ago being so excited when I found a fleece made from recycled plastic bottles, and thought I was being so environmentally friendly when I bought it! Little did I know!

Although polyester fleece appears to be the main culprit, there are others, including nylon, acrylic and polyamide. The best thing you can do is to try to choose clothes that are made from as near to 100% natural fibres as possible. Take a look at “The Story of Stuff Project” on YouTube: A short cartoon that explains the issue very simply.

With thanks to The Marine Conservation Society, Oceanographic, Phil Byrne, The Guardian, WI Life Edith Bowman, Climate Ambassador for Hebden Bridge WI and member of West Yorkshire Climate Ambassadors network.



Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish

A Time for Everything

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity
under the heavens* (Ecclesiastes 3: 1)



Time is a precious thing isn't it?

Sometimes we feel that life is flying past us and at others moments it appears to move at the pace of a snail. Whatever the case, it is important to remember that we are part of a rich history: each month, year, decade and century bringing us new innovations and important landmarks. Here are just a few things that happened on May 4th through the years...

- **1415** Religious reformers John Wycliffe and Jan Hus are condemned as heretics at the Council of Constance
- **1859** The Cornwall Railway opens across the Royal Albert Bridge linking the counties of Devon and Cornwall in England
- **1896** 1st edition of London Daily Mail (cost - halfpenny)
- **1904** Charles Rolls meets Henry Royce at the Midland hotel in Manchester. They go on to form car manufacturer Rolls - Royce
- **1904** Construction begins by the United States on the Panama Canal
- **1932** Al Capone enters Atlanta Penitentiary convicted of income tax evasion
- **1945** German forces in Denmark, Norway and the Netherlands surrender unconditionally to Field Marshall Montgomery at Luneburg Heath

- **1972** "The Don't Make A Wave Committee," a fledgling environmental organization founded in Canada in 1971, officially changes its name to the "Greenpeace Foundation"
- **1979** Margaret Thatcher becomes the first woman to be elected Prime Minister of the UK
- **2018** California overtakes Great Britain to become the world's fifth largest economy
- **2023** WHO declares Covid-19 over as a global health emergency, but remains a significant threat, with seven million known deaths (real total likely to be 20 million)

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We never really grow up,
we only learn how to act
in public.

When I get a headache I take two
aspirin and keep away from children
just like the bottle says.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS in



MAY

Beryl Oddy 1st
Joan Hampson 6th
Anne Hainsworth 10th
Jan Morris 26th

JUNE

Christine Sunderland 2nd
Heather Callander 5th
Kaitlin 6th
Muriel Pratley 19th



Father in heaven, may we share the light and life of Jesus with others today, and always.



Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the loss of family members and friends. We remember especially our friend Mary Green and their families mourning the loss of Keith, . Help us to be there for them and often just to wait in silence and listen when they speak.

If you would like us to pray for someone then please let us know.

So how many words did you get out of **RESURRECTION**

Did you get all these!?

Centre Corner Corset Count Counters Course Court Crest Cruet
Crust Curse Cursor Ensure Enter Erect Erection Error Insect Insert
Insure Inter Intercourse Notes Notice Nurse Recent Resent Reset
Resit Resort Return Reuse Riots Risen Rouse Rustic Screen Secret
Secure Sneer Snore Steer Stereo Stern Stone Store Stour Tenor
Tense Terse Tonic Unite

5 Letters and above 52 words

Cent Core Corn Cure Iron Nest Note Rein Rent Rest Riot Rose Ruin
Ruse Rust Sect Sent Sort Sour Sten Sure Teen Tire Tone Tour Tree
Trio Turn Unit User

Now the 4 Letter ones:

There are 30 4 Letter ones total 82

Thank you Dawn and Christine for supplying the answers.

NEXT challenge comes from Dawn.

Here is a suggestion for next time.

The word is **SHAVUOTH** the Jewish festival of Pentecost

I think any words of 3 or more letters will be quite a challenge!

Target 20 Answers in the next newsletter near the end of June

What's on and when in the church hall

Tuesday	Stitch group	Fortnightly 10.00am - 3.00pm
Wednesday	Time To Reflect	10.00am – 11.00am
	Lunch	12.30pm (2nd Wed in the month for the community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.15am – 11.30am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge	10.00am – 4.00pm (3rd Sat in the month)
	Bound To Be Good	Quarterly + November



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For Hire

Good size room suitable for a variety of activities for all ages plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £20 per session

Contact 01484 714944 for more information



Threads through Creation

See inside the newsletter for the article about this amazing exhibition of spectacular scenes in silk.

Also do visit the website www.creation-threads.co.uk

And also www.jacqui-textile.com

This piece of work is approx. 8ft by 5ft wide